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San Ysidro, CA 92143

USBC September Event: Member BBQ!!



Wednesday, September 23rd



1 pm – 4pm



Los Amigos Sports Bar and Grill
Blvd. Benito Juárez 298,
Rosarito

Dine in or to-go option. \$20 for non-members and guests. **Reservations required!!**

For reservations please contact:

Judy Westphal, (661) 614-1113, jawmem@msn.com

Wayne Denniston, (951) 295-5148, wrd414@aol.com

Deadline to reserve is September 13th

Choice of Hamburger, Cheeseburger, or Salmon Burger.

Sides: French Fries, Beans, Cole Slaw. Dessert included. Cash bar.

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United Society of Baja California (USBC) General Meetings: 1st Saturday of the month, 10am, Hotel Calafia (Carretera Libre Tijuana- Ensenada KM35.5, Villa San Pedro Rosarito, B.C.). Board meets Wednesday prior to the 1st Saturday, 10am, at La Maroma. USBC is a social charity group serving as the hub for social, charitable and special interest groups in the Rosarito area.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wayne Denniston

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H all USBC members,
I hope everyone is doing well through this nightmare.

I had the privilege of meeting with Secretario General, Miguel Angel Moreno Avila, at the invitation of Erendira Abel, to speak about the proposed closing of the immigration office in Rosarito. Also participating at this meeting were USBC members Judy Westphal, Paul Flowers, Danielle Williams and Diego Knight. Thank you to everyone who signed the letters and petitions opposing this closure. With this strong community voice, the government decided to keep the Rosarito office open.

Although USBC general meetings remain suspended during this COVID pandemic, we will hold our traditional Members' BBQ with safety measures. The BBQ is set for Wednesday, September 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Los Amigos, for all USBC members in good standing. All meal choices must be pre-ordered by September 13th. Meals will be available for sit down dining or for takeout.

Choices include:
hamburger, cheeseburger or salmon burger.

Meals include coleslaw, beans and dessert. Drinks must be purchased by the member. We will hold a 50/50 drawing.

It is with deep regret that I accepted Grace Paniagua's resignation from the board. She will continue as a member to support and help USBC. Thank you Grace for all your enthusiasm, energy and hard work as part of the USBC board of directors.

We are looking forward to seeing you on September 23rd. Again, thank you for all your continued support. As always, Linda and my prayers are with you all.

Wayne Denniston, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY MILO GOEHRING



Financial Report (August 2020)

Total Income	\$	170.30
Membership Dues Collected	\$	160.00
Total Expenses	\$	317.29
Profit/(Loss)	\$	(147.26)
Year-To-Date Loss (8 months)	\$	(6.13)

Membership Report (August 2020)

New Members	None
Renewals For The Month	7
Lifetime Members	8
Total Active Members	189

Community Support – Local Restaurants

Our world of social distancing will continue for some time, and with this stay-at-home enforcement, we still need to eat. Rosarito has wonderful restaurants with great food. A number of our local restaurants provide take-out and/or delivery. **Please note that a number of these restaurants deliver, regardless of where you are located in Rosarito.** Here are a few options as of September 1st:

Acua Bar	https://www.facebook.com/acuabajabarymar/
Akbal Chocolate	https://www.facebook.com/AkbalChocolate/
Archers Pizza	https://www.facebook.com/ArchersPizza/
Baja Pig	https://www.facebook.com/The-Baja-Pig-K-38-613071469048402/
Betty's Burgers	https://www.facebook.com/Bettys-Authentic-American-Burgers-487056701363052/
Bleu Galley	https://www.facebook.com/bleugalley/?hc_location=ufi
Bullies Patisserie	https://www.facebook.com/bullies.patisserie/
Cafe Conrado (closes at 4pm)	https://www.facebook.com/Cafe-Conrado-198975780198986/
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Popotla Restaurant and Bar	https://www.facebook.com/popotlarestaurantbar/
Ruben's Palm Grill, Restaurant & Bar	https://www.facebook.com/RubensBaja/
Sokuna	https://www.facebook.com/Sokuna-Cocina-De-Asia-459264741096769/
Splash Restaurant	https://www.facebook.com/SplashBajaCa/
Susannitas To Go	https://www.facebook.com/Susannitas-to-go-107777154192833/
Toogino Rosarito	https://www.facebook.com/tooginosrosarito/
Walnut Grove Jr Restaurant	https://www.facebook.com/Walnut-Grove-Jr-Restaurant-257651951107273/

Please note that this list changes often, so please refer to the USBC Facebook page for updated information.

Calendar of Events

Calendar Legend:



FRAO Free Spanish Class, Temporary: ZOOM Web Attendance (See WhatsApp Chat for link)
11am – 1pm Mondays (Beginner) & Fridays (Intermediate)



USBC General Meeting, Cancelled
Normally, first Saturday of the month



USBC Restaurant Tour, Cancelled
Organized by Sandy Eddahbi



USBC Potluck, Cancelled
Normally, third Saturday of the month

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  National Service Dog Month Disaster Preparedness Month	2	3	4   Jim Henshaw Birthday	5
6	7  	8	9	10  Linda Hayes Birthday	11  	12  Dean Stalcup & Miss Morgan Anniversary
13	14 	15  Jack & Judy Westphal Anniversary	16 	17	18   Elizabeth Valenzuela Birthday	19
20	21  International Day of Peace	22	23  USBC Member BBQ	24	25 	26  Vicki Iten Birthday
27  Anita Olson Birthday	28 International Rabbit Day	29	30			

September: Disaster Preparedness Month

If an emergency happens in our community, it may take time for emergency workers to get to us. We need to be prepared to take care of ourselves, family and neighbors. By taking a few simple steps today, we can be better prepared to face a wide range of emergencies.

Each household needs an emergency plan. It will help us know what to do in case of an emergency.

We need to think about safe exits from home and neighborhood, risks in our region, special health needs and location of fire extinguishers, water valves, electrical box and gas valves. We need to have an emergency kit with some basic supplies so are self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

We should think about having at least one corded phone in our home as most cordless phones will not work during a power outage.

Please take a look at the website for National Preparedness Month at ready.gov/September for lists and resources. Their theme is apropos: "Disasters don't wait. Make your plan today."





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November 2020 Presidential General Election

For South Dakota residents, a lot of information can be found at the South Dakota Elections Voting website: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/register-to-vote/>

For San Diego County residents, the county has released an excellent document which helps answer questions related to the election. Please visit sdvote.org for more details.

In San Diego County, for the November 2020 Presidential General Election, all voters will be mailed a ballot. This will help to reduce exposure to COVID-19 while allowing you to exercise your right to vote. To protect the health and welfare of all San Diegans, we encourage you to vote your mail-in ballot from the safety and comfort of your home.

Here are a few strategies to help make the voting process not only safer, but more convenient as we head into flu season with COVID-19 still looming.

VERIFY YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

Have you moved or changed your name? Whether you are new to San Diego County or just moved down the street you need to re-register to vote.

Make sure the Registrar of Voters mails your ballot to the correct address. Verify your residence address and, if different, your mailing address. You can verify your voter information, register or re-register to vote online. Act now!

VOTE SAFER AT HOME



Mail ballots start going out the week of October 5. If you have kept your voter information up to date you should expect to receive your ballot that same week.

You can track your ballot every step of the way by signing up for “Where’s My Ballot?” Sign up now.

Voting by mail is:

- **SIMPLE.** Your ballot along with your “I Voted” sticker arrives in your mailbox nearly a month before Election Day.
- **SAFER.** Make voting decisions and complete your ballot comfortably at home.
- **SECURE.** Seal your completed ballot in your postage paid envelope, sign it, date it and return it by mail promptly so it is received well before Election Day. Your signature is required for your ballot to count!

You may also deposit your sealed ballot at any one of 124 convenient drop-off locations around the county. Or, you may drop it at the Registrar’s office or at any polling place.

Tip: Mail Ballot Voters who decide to vote at their polling place should BRING their Mail Ballot to be SURRENDERED, then a new ballot will be issued.

Community: Polling Place Site Managers Needed for November 3rd General Election



Information provided by:

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/>

The Registrar of Voters is seeking temporary full-time [site managers](#) to operate assigned polling places for the November 3rd 2020 General Election. Site managers can earn \$20 per hour.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, polling places will be open for four days instead of one. The Registrar's office will hire election workers rather than use volunteers because training is more extensive for the expanded time period.

Site managers will be required to train and lead a staff while representing the Registrar of Voters in a professional, nonpartisan manner. The Registrar is seeking people who are team players, exhibit strong leadership skills and display flexibility, patience and the highest level of integrity at all times.

Site managers are required to attend a paid five-day training program to learn how to run a polling place and train their election worker staff.

- From Sept. 28 to Nov. 2, site managers must work 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The managers may be required to work more than eight hours a day during the week and may need to work some weekends during peak periods leading up to Election Day.
- On Election Day, Nov. 3, site managers must work from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The Registrar's office is working with Public Health Services to ensure the health and safety of election workers and voters. Personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies will be provided to workers so they can conduct the election process safely.

English speakers who are bilingual in Spanish, Filipino, Vietnamese or Chinese are also needed. If you are fluent in one of these languages, be sure to indicate it on your application.

Site manager applications are available online at sdvote.com. For more information, call (858) 565-5800 or email pollworker@sdcountry.ca.gov.



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USBC is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Donations are greatly appreciated.

You can also apply or renew your membership online at:
www.unitedsocietyofbaja.org

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 Or drop off at
 The Mail Room at Rene's

AA Grupo open meetings: Sun, Mon, Thurs, 10 AM Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6pm, 2 blocks east of Del Mar Inn. Closed Women's Wednesday 10AM & Men's Thursday 6PM. (661) 614-1678.

AL-ANON (English) Tuesday 10AM 2 blocks east of Del Mar Inn. Saturday 1PM in Primo Tapia. Call for information (661) 614-1678.

Angels 2 Angels is a bi-national mission-centric charitable organization dedicated to helping orphanages transform into centers of excellence, providing children with protected, loving, quality care. 100% of all donations go directly to help the orphanages.

www.angels2angels.org. **Contact:** Leticia Castro de Halverson, Founder and Executive Director, (951) 205-9890, Leticia@angels2angels.org.

Baja Animal Sanctuary Provides help for abused and abandoned animals by spaying/neutering and finding homes. **Contact:** Sunny Benedict, bajadogs@aol.com, www.bajaanimalsanctuary.org.

Baja California Spay Neuter Foundation Providing low cost spay and neuter clinics in Baja. Volunteers always welcome. **Contact:** Robin Gunther, President, (661) 123-3619, (619) 906-7294 BajaSpayNeuter@gmail.com, www.BajaSpayNeuter.org.

Baja Dog Rescue American-run 501(c)(3) organization operated by volunteers in Baja California. We are a no-kill shelter that rescues and rehabilitates unwanted, abandoned, and neglected dogs and finds them loving homes. **Contact:** (619) 407-9372, (664) 636-2997, josh@bajadogrescue.org, www.bajadogrescue.org.

Baja Scholarship Foundation Provides financial support to superior Mexican students at risk of dropping out of school due to financial hardship. **Contact:** Judie Desson (661) 613-2359, (760) 208- 2840, www.bajascholarshipfoundation.org, kenorjude@yahoo.com.

Bajavurah Meets the last Sunday of the month. A Jewish social group whose members live part or full-time in the Rosarito Beach area. www.bajavurah.com. **Contact:** Gordon Kane, President, (619) 980-4673, gordonmkane@gmail.com.

Club de Ninos y Ninas Rosarito Affiliated with the Boys & Girls Club of America. Provides positive programs, services and activities for school-age children. **Contact:** Rosy Torres, President, rosymtorres@hotmail.com, www.clubnyn.org.

Cruz Roja Voluntarios Americanos de Rosarito General meetings 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Beach Comber Restaurant & Bar, Blvd. Benito Juarez Km 25.5 in Quintas del Mar. Thrift Store, located behind Waldos, open Mon-Sat 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

DIF Desarrollo Integral de la Familia Meetings in English: 2nd Tuesday,9:00AM, Salon Maya, Rosarito Beach Hotel **Contact:** Linda Munoz, (661) 612-6082 or (661) 612-6077, dir.dif.rosarito@hotmail.com.

Flying Samaritans Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Villas del Mar, 10:00AM. They conduct free clinics for people of Mexico who have no other resources. Medical clinics the 2nd Saturday, and a hearing clinic the 3rd Saturday. Clinic is located at Calle Chihuahua #488, Colonia Constitución. **Contact:** Susan Smith, President, (858) 240-2360, (661) 100-6066, susansmithz@hotmail.com, www.flyingsamaritansrosarito.org.

FRAO The Foreign Residents Attention Office, located in Suite 107 on the first floor of City Hall, provides information and assistance to international residents. Breakfast meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month 10:00AM. Calafia Hotel **Contact:** (661) 614-9600 ext. 1080, frao@rosarito.gob.mx.

Friends of the Library Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month except December (10AM) at CEART. FOL promotes reading, literacy & works to improve conditions and collections of the 5 library branches. **Contact:** President Nancy Zvonkovic, friendsofthelibraryrb@gmail.com, www.friendsofthelibrary.com.mx.

Hearts of Baja Children's Homes Network To coordinate the needs and resources of the 109 registered and additional non-registered group homes for the nearly 6000 children, orphaned or not, living in our own backyard. **Contact:** Marilyn Widd, mkwidd@hotmail.com, (442) 400-2309, (760) 936-3772, www.heartsobaja.com.

Los Angelitos Orphanage You are welcome to be part of this orphanage, and the blessing of your sponsorship will allow an additional child to enter into this home. info@losangelitos.org, www.losangelitos.org.

Rosarito Sister Cities Committee Meets the 4th Thursday of the month, 10:00AM in Room 212 at City Hall. Aims to increase international trade, economic development, and exchanges of culture, educational and social services. **Contact:** (661) 614-9600 ext. 1080, frao@rosarito.gob.mx.

Rosarito Theatre Guild Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Tuesday, 10:00AM at their Theatre in the CINES RIO building, #76 Benito Juarez Boulevard, Rosarito (one block south of Elektra), **Contact:** Sylvia Dombrosky, President (664) 631-3320, sylvia.dombrosky@gmail.com, www.rosaritotheatre.org

WORSHIP

Catholic Church Rosarito Centro English Mass Sunday 9:30AM Fr. John McCormick, Fr. Oscar Villalpando Ramirez, (661) 612-1048.

Calvary Chapel Rosarito Pastor Mike Vincent. Meets at Aqua Calientes #2978. Services: Sunday 9:00 & 11:00AM, Saturday 6:30PM and Wednesday 6:30PM. (661) 612-7915, calvarychapelrosarito@yahoo.com.

Hope Chapel Rosarito Located in Baja Malibu, right next to Baja Storage at KM 23.5 along the Tijuana-Ensenada free road. Services: Sunday 11:30AM and Wednesday at 6:00PM, (664) 609-3557, www.hopechapelrosarito.org.

Hope and Faith Amish Mennonite Fellowship In La Misión, we will be bilingual. Info: Jason Caruth (646) 155-0539, (619) 591-8009.

Latter-day Saints (Mormon) English service Sunday 9:00AM-12:00PM, Rosarito Chapel, 20 Calle Cantil, 5 blocks west of Benito Juarez off Av. Del Mar. Info: Craig Klein (619) 581-7121, craigklein@onebox.com.

Rosarito Beach Christian Church Km 42.6 on Tijuana-Ensenada free road. Sunday Worship Service 9:45AM, Info: (661) 614-0009, Pastor: Dr. Tom Ward, rosaritochurch@yahoo.com, www.rbccchristianchurch.com.

Rosarito Church of the Nazarene Pastor Gary Tucker. Meets at Calle Abete & Mediterraneo, 2 blocks east of Crown Plaza Hotel. Services: Sunday 10:00AM, Wednesday 6:30PM, (619) 504-9611, jirehnazeng@gmail.com.

Mission St. Mary Magdalene Playas de Rosarito Rev'd Fr. Mark S. Lieske, East Side @ Km 40.3 Free Road Ensenada - Tijuana Look for our Signs, Next to Artistic Furniture North of Ollie's Pizza & South of Baja Produce. mark@missionstmarymagdalene.net, US (619) 313-7511.

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